GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4571
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BLUE BIRD
Mane Smt. Nivedita;Yaskhi Shri Madhu Goud

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether after the clemenceau ship it is reportedly the turn of another toxic ship S.S. Norway/Blue Bird which is on its way to Indian shore after being rejected by Bangladesh Government on the ground of its toxicity;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government has permitted this ship to come to India; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORSTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) to (b): It is true that the ship SS Norway/Blue Lady was on its way to Indian shore. But, based on an application filed in the Supreme Court of India, the Court has passed an order on 12th May, 2006 to examine the matter by the Expert Committee on Ship Breaking and submit its report. As per the instructions of the Union Government, the Gujarat Pollution Control Board has directed all the concerned agencies not to allow the ship `Blue Lady` to enter into the Indian Sovereign Jurisdiction till a final decision is taken in the matter.

(c) to (d): No such permission has been given by the Union Ministry of Environment & Forests.